

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MADDOCK SCHOOL BOARD
January 9, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Maddock School Board was held Jan. 9, 2025. Present: Sheila Lindgren, Justin Maddock, Bryan Kenner, Paul Backstrom and Paul Rice; Mr. Allmaras; Mrs. Hill; and Shannon Sabbe, business manager. Guests: Elise Kallenbach, Mary Lindseth and Dennette Buckmier.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m.
A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Kenner, to add special reserve transfer for 1/2 cost of Suburban. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Backstrom, seconded by Rice, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

Admin Partners \$100.00
Advanced Business
Methods 724.72
Allmaras, Benjamin J. 853.58
Anne Carlsen Ctr. 26,314.64
BC Farmers Press 87.75
Benson County 597.44
CenDak 8,891.44
Cengage Learning 2,398.00
City of Maddock 5,195.00
Cole Papers 637.52
Colonial Life & Accident

Insurance 84.30
DRN 6,430.53
EduTech 40.00
Fire Exting. Systems 344.90
First United 1,650.00
Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc. 1,391.31
Heart of America HMO 160.00
Heart of America

Medical Center 112.00
Huffman, Dick 64.25
IntegratEd 1,164.38
Lake Motor Co. 46,829.00
LR Special Ed 5,686.74
Lindseth, Mary 316.24
Maloney-Simonson,

Mavis 228.20
McCloud, Shawn 111.17
Music & Arts 47.18
NAPA Auto Supply 118.62
ND Dept. of Environ. Quality 260.00
PS Garage Doors 406.16
Rice, Paul 400.00
Stein Chemical Co. 81.33
Vestis 418.44
Wage Works 274.53
Widmer Roel 5,000.00
Total \$117,419.37

There were no public comments.
Mrs. Hill gave her principal report.
Mr. Allmaras gave the superintendent report.
Shannon Sabbe gave the athletic director report.

Planning Committee Report -- Discussion on lighting project.
A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Rice, to transfer 1/2 of the special reserve funds to general fund for the purchase of the Suburban. The motion carried. Roll call was all in favor.

Mr. Allmaras presented to new attendance policy and it will be in the handbook as well.
A motion was made by Rice, seconded by Kenner, to approve governance policies monitored as stated. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Backstrom, seconded by Maddock, to approve BSR policies monitored as stated. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Kenner, to move that Superintendent Expectations 1, 2 and 3 were in compliance. Roll call was all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Rice, to adjourn at 7:37 a.m. The motion carried.

Shannon Sabbe
Business Manager
Sheila Lindgren
School Board President

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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February 13, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Maddock School Board was held Feb. 13, 2025. Present: Sheila Lindgren, Justin Maddock, Bryan Kenner, Paul Backstrom and Paul Rice (phone); Mr. Allmaras; Mrs. Hill; and Shannon Sabbe, business manager. Guests: Heidi Keller, Mary Lindseth, Bobby Hoffner and Dennette Buckmier.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m.
A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Kenner, to add items D -- EL contact to agenda and 8 -- planning. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Backstrom, seconded by Maddock, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

Advanced Business
Methods \$690.96
Aflac 711.30
Allmaras, Benjamin J. 42.98
Anne Carlsen Ctr. 6,901.50
Benson County 102.75
Cash & Carry Lumber 288.08
CenDak 20,783.03
Cole Papers 889.08
Daryl's Refrigeration, LLC 370.00
DRN 1,813.65
Farmers Union

Insurance 406.00
Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc. 695.48
Heart of America HMO 272.00
Herald Press 223.00
Hill, JoLynn 43.00
IntegratEd 2,067.40
Lindseth, Mary 271.85
Music & Arts 19.87
ND Center for Distance Education 916.00
ND Council of Edu. Leaders 550.00
ND Public Health

Insurance Trust 48,938.16
Sanford Health Occup. Medicine Clinic 129.00
Tracy's Market 102.14
Vestis 418.44

Wage Works 131.48
Total \$87,777.15
Public comment was held.
Student council gave a report.
Mrs. Hill gave her principal report.
Mr. Allmaras gave the superintendent report.
Shannon Sabbe gave the athletic director report.

Planning committee discussion was held.
A motion was made by Backstrom, seconded by Kenner, to approve Step 5: Board's Decision and Notices. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Backstrom, for the election date to be June 10, 2025. Sheila Lindgren's at-large term is up and Paul Rice's for one year remaining. The motion carried.

Board retreat is scheduled for February 20.
Superintendent evaluations will be sent out and are needed back by March 7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Per NDCC 44-04-19.1, the board went into executive session for negotiation prep at 8:30 a.m.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING
The regular meeting reconvened at 8:32 a.m.
A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Backstrom, to adjourn at 8:36 a.m. The motion carried.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MADDOCK SCHOOL BOARD
March 13, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Maddock School Board was held March 13, 2025. Present: Sheila Lindgren, Justin Maddock, Bryan Kenner, Paul Backstrom and Paul Rice; Mrs. Hill; and Mr. Allmaras.

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m.
A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Maddock, to add item F -- Sick Bank Policy and move C to the top. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Rice, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

Advanced Business
Methods \$820.43
Aflac 355.65
Ageless Iron Almanac 15.00
Anne Carlsen Ctr. 8,741.90
Badlands Environmental Consultants 300.00
BC Farmers Press 560.60
Border States Electric Supply 224.08
CenDak 23,256.23
Cole Papers 475.39
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance 168.60
DRN 1,813.65
Eckroth Music Co. 132.81
Fessenden-Bowdon

Public School 25.00
H. A. Thompson & Sons 346,160.00
Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc. 3,142.42
Harvey School District 20.00
Heart of America HMO 137.00
Instrumentalist Awards 160.00
IntegratEd 1,617.60
Johnson Ag Resources, LLC 8.25
Musicians Friend 706.00
NAPA Auto Supply 40.06
ND Center for Distance Education 458.00
ND Public Health

Insurance Trust 23,582.87
Perrin Mobile Medical 200.00
Rugby Public School 136.00
Trane US, Inc. 1,200.19
Vestis 418.44
Wage Works 1,196.76
Widmer Roel 1,000.00
Total \$417,072.93

There were no public comments or student council report.
Mrs. Hill gave the principal report.
Mr. Allmaras gave the superintendent report.
Mr. Allmaras gave the AD report.

A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Backstrom, to approve Policy SE 4 and 5 as in compliance. Roll call was all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Backstrom, seconded by Rice, that Superintendent Allmaras is satisfactory in overall performance. Roll call was in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Kenner, that superintendent Allmaras is in compliance in personal/professional goals. Roll call was all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenner, seconded by Rice, that Superintendent Allmaras is in compliance in leadership competencies. Roll call was in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Backstrom, that Superintendent Allmaras is in compliance in superintendent expectations. Roll call was in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by

Kenner, seconded by Maddock, that Superintendent Allmaras is in compliance in strategic/operational plan progress. Roll call was in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Rice, seconded by Kenner, to approve the general fund to food service fund yearly transfer of \$20,000. Roll call was all in favor. The motion carried.

No decision was made on general to athletics yearly fund transfer. It will be placed on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Rice, seconded by Maddock, to approve Anchor 2 as in compliance. Roll call was all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Kenner, to add sick bank language to also include the employee's parents, spouse, children or other dependents. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Maddock, seconded by Rice, to adjourn at 8:07 a.m. The motion carried.

Shannon Sabbe
Business Manager
Sheila Lindgren
School Board President

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OBERON CITY COUNCIL
March 10, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Oberon City Council was called to order at 7:21 p.m. on March 10, 2025. City council members present: Mayor Faron Stensland, Kim Krebsbach, Shawn Trotter, Norberta Greywind; and City Auditor Tina Ploium. Absent: Ellis Laporte.

Agenda -- Norberta Greywind made a motion to approve the agenda; Kim Krebsbach seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

February Meeting Minutes -- Kim Krebsbach made a motion to approve meeting minutes; Shawn Trotter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

New Business -- New water meters are to be ordered for extras on hand.
If a resident doesn't inform the council of needing water turned off and has a water break, in the future they will be charged the amount of the meter to reinstall. This also should be added to the statements when sending out to residents.

Old Business -- None.
Auditor Report -- Gave a list of residents who have outstanding city bills. Will add the additional fee to the bills and give them until April 30 or will be sent over to county.

Norberta Greywind made a motion to approve bills and payroll; Shawn Trotter second the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Otter Tail Power Co. \$802.74
Water Reservoir 369.60
Sewer Lift 54.94
Street Lights Main 373.75
ND Telephone Co. 102.49
Waste Management 1,713.53
Central Bus. Systems 54.89
BC Farmers Press 97.72
GF Utility 104.00
Hawkins 499.32
Tina Ploium 1,108.20
Doug Olson 600.27
Doug Olson 201.96
ND Tax Dept. 15.00
Total 6,098.41

Next meeting is Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

Tina Ploium
City Auditor
Faron Stensland
Mayor

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How to renovate on a budget

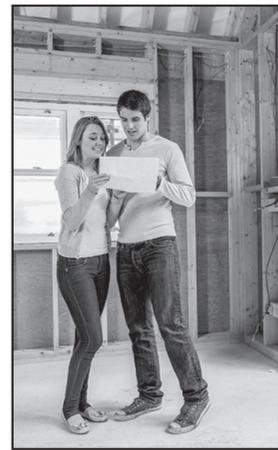
Renovations around the house require an investment of time and often considerable amounts of money. Findings from the 2024 U.S. Houzz & Home Study show that home renovations are becoming more expensive. The median renovation spending for homeowners has gone up 60 percent since 2020. Angi, a home services website, reports the average renovation cost for homes between 1,250 and 1,600 square feet is \$51,772, but the final cost of home renovations depends on the scope of the project.

Homeowners who are conserving funds can rest assured that it is possible to make meaningful changes both inside and outside a home without breaking the bank. Here are some ways to renovate a home on a budget.

• Create a budget and don't waver. Figure out exactly what you can afford for a renovation and then make that your maximum dollars spent. Research comparable projects in your area and be honest about whether you can afford the renovation as-is or if you must adapt ideas to fit your price. Make sure to build in a cushion of around 15 to 20 percent for any unforeseen expenses that may arise once a renovation is underway.

• Maximize an existing floor plan. This Old House suggests looking for ways to maximize your current layout before you invest in major renovations like an expansion. Bring in a designer with an eye for utilizing space. For example, see how you might be able to replace shelves with pull-out drawers in the kitchen. Moving furniture around or rethinking floor plans also can help to lower costs.

• Balance DIY with hiring contractors. You can save money by tackling some projects yourself, but only if you are confident in your renovation skills. Rather than risk making costly mistakes and having to redo things, hire well-vetted professionals but ask if there's any



DIY work you can do to cut costs.

• Check clearance and resale stores. Shop discount stores for building materials to save money. For example, if a builder ordered too many cabinets they may offer them to Habitat for Humanity ReStores, which are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers. Checking the clearance and markdown sections of other stores may yield considerable savings on items needed for a renovation. Warehouse retailers like Costco or Sam's Club also can be great places to find certain home improvement materials and furnishings.

• Take advantage of free services. Certain stores may offer things like free consultations with designers who can show you what a renovation can look like. This is advantageous to the stores because once you see the potential you're more likely to buy the products, even if it's not mandatory.

• Resurface instead of redo. Certain items can be made to look new with minimal effort. Paint is a relatively inexpensive tool that can transform walls and more. A good hardwood flooring company can buff out a floor and put a new coating instead of an entirely new floor. Kitchen cabinets can be resurfaced instead of replaced as well.

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Tech upgrades for your entertainment area

Life in the twenty-first century can feel like it's moving at breakneck speed. Perhaps nowhere is that feeling more pronounced than within the technology sector, where new products are often upstaged by more advanced models, sometimes within a few weeks of an item's initial release.

The speed with which technology advances can make it difficult to keep up. However, it's important to note that software updates can bring devices up to speed in a matter of minutes, often at no cost to users. That can quiet concerns some may have about investing in entertainment room technology. For those ready to move forward with their entertainment room remodel, these tech upgrades can take such spaces to the next level.

• New television: Consumers who like to watch television but are not necessarily into what makes certain televisions more suitable to their viewing habits than others may find their heads spinning when they begin their search for a new device. Indeed, the alphabet soup of OLED, QLED, 4K, and other television styles can be difficult to navigate. If confusion reins over your television shopping trips, it might help to identify what you watch most often and then find the type of TV that most suits your viewing habits. Though opinions vary and consumers should always trust their own eyes, the United Kingdom-based Smart Home Sounds recommends OLED televisions for movie and television lovers as well as gamers who require fast



response times. Sports fans may benefit by prioritizing refresh rate when shopping for a new television. Though refresh rate is not the only variable to consider, a faster refresh rate can ensure games don't look fuzzy when the action picks up.

• Speaker system: Surround sound can take any entertainment setup to the next level. Modern televisions are slim and that sleek design does not always translate to great built-in sound. Though some recent models feature dramatically improved built-in sound capabilities compared to their slim screen ancestors, a home theater system featuring superior sound is still a must. A home theater surround sound system with subwoofer and Bluetooth connectivity can greatly improve the viewing experience no matter what's on-screen. For consumers working on a tight budget, a soundbar that can be upgraded with additional surround sound speakers down the road can be a great way to slowly build a theater-like sound system in your living room. When purchasing a surround

sound system, consumers also can consider speaker stands that hold larger rear speakers in place.

• Lighting: Entertainment room lighting can be easy to overlook, particularly when consumers go down the television and sound system rabbit holes. But the right lighting can set the perfect tone in an entertainment room. The decision of which lighting to go with should include consideration of how the space will (or won't) be used when you aren't watching the latest blockbuster or big game. If the room is exclusively for movies or big games, then lighting that calls to mind a movie theater, complete with LED strip lights on the walls, is an option worth considering. If the entertaining space is your living room and a space where you're just as likely to read a book as enjoy a family movie night, then recessed lighting in the ceiling with dimmable bulbs allows you to pivot back and forth between lighting schemes depending on how the room is being used at any given moment.

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